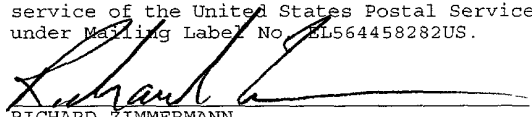


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to consideration of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amended Version of Claims

Please amend claims 3, 4, and 7-12 as follows:

3. (Amended) Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein each connection mode is associated with one or more respective services.

4. (Amended) Method as claimed in claim 1 characterized in that it is implemented within a network access server.

7. (Amended) Server as claimed in claim 5, wherein each connection mode is associated with one or more respective services.

8. (Amended) System comprising a packet mode network, at least one user terminal and at least one server of a service provider, a plurality of service access servers each compatible with at least one connection mode, and at least one network access server as claimed in claim 6 for establishing a connection across the network between the user terminal and the server of the service provider.

9. (Amended) System as claimed in claim 8, further comprising an access network to which the user terminal is connected and which is inter-connected with the packet mode network by the network access server.

10. (Amended) System as claimed in claim 8, wherein the packet mode network is an IP network.

11. (Amended) System as claimed in claim 8, wherein the packet mode network is a backbone network.

12. (Amended) System as claimed in claim 8, wherein the service access servers are RADIUS servers.

Remarks

The foregoing amendments are presented to eliminate the multiple dependencies in the claims and to correct a typographical error in claim 9.

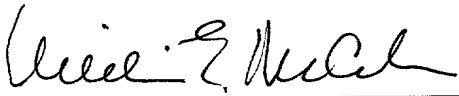
A early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

Claims 3, 4 and 7-12 have been amended as follows:

3. Method as claimed in [one of claims] claim 1 [and 2], wherein each connection mode is associated with one or more respective services.

4. Method as claimed in [one of the preceding claims] claim 1 characterized in that it is implemented within a network access server.

7. Server as claimed in [one of claims] claim 5 [or 6], wherein each connection mode is associated with one or more respective services.

8. System comprising a packet mode network, at least one user terminal and at least one server of a service provider, a plurality of service access servers each compatible with at least one connection mode, and at least one network access server as claimed in [one of claims] claim 6 [to 8] for establishing a connection across the network between the user terminal and the server of the service provider.

9. System [a] as claimed in claim 8, further comprising an access network to which the user terminal is connected and which is inter-connected with the packet mode network by the network access server.

10. System as claimed in [any one of claims] claim 8 [or 9], wherein the packet mode network is an IP network.

11. System as claimed in [any one of claims] claim 8 [to 10], wherein the packet mode network is a backbone network.

12. System as claimed in [any one of claims] claim 8 [to 11], wherein the service access servers are RADIUS servers.